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TECHNICAL EVALUATION REFERENCE GROUP

UPDATE OF PRIORITY EVALUATION WORK REVIEWED AT 5TH TERG MEETING

1. The 5th Meeting of the TERG focused on three main issues which are further documented in its Draft Summary Report¹.

Evaluation of the Local Fund Agent system

2. In view of concerns raised in the 360° Stakeholders Assessment and latest Partnership Forum, TERG recommends that evaluation of the Local Fund Agent system be given a high priority. The evaluation should include:

- a) the LFA relationship with country systems (CCM, PR etc.);
- b) assessment of impartiality, confidentiality and internal quality control of the LFA process;
- c) Global Fund management of LFAs;
- d) capacity of LFAs in assessing PR technical capacity and monitoring programmatic performance; and
- e) LFA cost-effectiveness.

3. The TERG will provide input in the technical review of evaluation proposals and choice of contractor. The evaluation will provide options for reform and improvement, as needed, to inform the re-bidding of LFA contracts in 2007.

Global Fund Portfolio Review

4. The TERG reviewed the key findings of the Global Fund Portfolio Review and noted that the available evidence indicates that for all three diseases the Global Fund investments are on track in targeting countries bearing the greatest proportion of the global disease burden, and that drugs and commodities account for over half of grant commitments.

5. The review also pointed to the fact that the present database does not allow for in-depth costing analysis. The TERG recommended that the Secretariat implement a system for tracking budgets and expenditures by grant objective, allowing comparison of costs across countries for given services or result areas.

¹ <http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/about/terg/>

Framework for the Five Year Evaluation

6. As outlined in the Framework for the Five Year Evaluation (Annex 3 to GF/B14/7) TERG recommends a consolidation and clear focus in three study areas:

- i. Global Fund Operations and Governance;
- ii. Country Partners and Grant Performance, and
- iii. Disease Impact. Study areas 1 and 2 are to be tendered together and completed in 2007, and study area 3 in a separate contract to be completed in 2008.

7. The TERG urges that countries and partners be actively involved in the Five-Year Evaluation.

8. In relation to study area 3 on impact, country evaluation studies should build on data already available through existing health information systems and should be designed to further strengthen these systems.

9. The TERG recognizes that implementing a meaningful and representative impact evaluation will require a significant, separate financial allocation, besides use of grant funds and building on efforts by partners. This joint effort will also provide the much needed platform for a partnership on impact evaluation, with benefits extending beyond 2008 to better leverage Global Fund and partner country funds, to measure progress in relation to the Millennium Development Goals.